

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, please delete the seventh full paragraph starting at line 28, and replace it with the following amended paragraph:

~~Fig. 6~~Figs. 6(a) and 6(b) is-aare timing echart~~charts~~ showing the waveforms of the two types of output signals of the linear encoder 11.

On page 4, please delete the fourth full paragraph starting at line 7, and replace it with the following amended one:

~~Fig. 11~~Figs. 11(a) - 11(f) is-aare schematic diagram~~diagrams~~ for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when the upper left end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P leads the upper right end.

On page 4, please delete the fifth full paragraph starting at line 12, and replace it with the following amended one:

~~Fig. 12~~Figs. 12(a) - 12(f) is-aare schematic diagram~~diagrams~~ for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when the upper right end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P leads the upper left end by less than a distance h.

On page 4, please delete the sixth full paragraph starting at line 17, and replace it with the following amended one:

~~Fig. 13~~Figs. 13(a) and 13(b) is-aare schematic diagram~~diagrams~~ for describing Fig. 12(d) in detail.

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On page 4, please delete the seventh full paragraph starting at line 19, and replace it with the following amended one:

~~Fig. 14~~Figs. 14(a) - 14(l) ~~is-~~are schematic ~~diagram~~diagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when the upper right end, in the sub-scanning direction, of the print paper P leads the upper left end by at least a distance h.